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SUBJECT: AUSTRIA UNLIKELY TO MAKE PRESENTATION AT MTCR
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Classified by: Economic-Political Counselor Philip Kaplan
(acting) for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Polchief discussed reftel points August 5 with Alexander Marschik, MFA Director for Disarmament, Arms Control, and Non-Proliferation. Marschik said he understands the importance of having more Missile Technology Control Regime partners make presentations at the Information Exchange, and favors the idea of a GOA presentation. However, he said, the Economics Ministry has the necessary expertise within the GOA to make such a presentation, and officials there have consistently declined when the MFA has encouraged them to do so. Marschik said he would again encourage colleagues at the Economics Ministry to prepare a presentation, but was not optimistic about the response. He said the MFA non-proliferation unit is understaffed, and would not have the time to research and prepare a presentation using information from the Economics Ministry. Marschik said that if, in the future, the USG had a specific issue that it believed the GOA should address, he would be willing to raise it with colleagues at the Economics Ministry in effort to persuade them to cooperate.
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